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## Bonny Hills Progress Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting – Tuesday 27 September 2022, 7.00 pm

### Bonny Hills Community Hall

**Meeting opened:** 7.05 pm

**Welcome by Chairman**

**Committee members attending:** Bill Howell, Ian Simpson, Kathy Regan, Paul Poleweski, Ross Smith, Pam Barlow, Roger Barlow, John Drinan

**In attendance:** Dave Hofmeyr, Lyndon Harrisom, Michael Toohey, Ian Richardson, Helen Smith, Paul Thompson.

**Apologies:** Tony Robinson

**Conflicts of interest:** Nil

**Acceptance of Previous Minutes** Committee Meeting held on 16 August 2022: Moved: Ross Smith, Seconded: Ian Simpson, *Carried*.

### **Business Arising from Minutes**

#### 1. Houston Mitchell Drive - Pacific Highway intersection

Kathy reported on meeting with David Gillespie MP at the intersection. She has been in contact with Transport for NSW re matters such as vegetation, speed warning signs and the dip on approach to HMD from the north. We have had no success as yet in getting a meeting with the Minister, but the Shadow Minister, Jenny Aitchison MP, has invited us to meet with her this week.

#### 2. Sewage and stormwater

Ross reported on a recent letter to Council re sewage escape into Saltwater Creek in high rainfall events. [Loss of staff has created delays in responses.] BHPA and Council testing of water in this Creek has shown very high levels of bacterial contamination after such events. Also the WTP cannot cope with large volumes of stormwater ingress in which case partially treated sewage is permitted to be released into Duchess Creek under the EPA licence conditions.

Roger reported high levels also in stormwater at various sites away from Saltwater Creek. A report on the BHPA testing awaits completion following expert consultation.

All water from the WTP is now UV-treated. Reticulation to new estates is being checked before sign-off so it can be supplied to homes from February 2023.

John reported that Steve Bryson has independently been trying to engender Council action about contamination on beaches and public notification of it.

### 3. Bonny Hills Art Prize 2023

John reported that Roger had been very successful in obtaining all the sponsorship needed for this year's categories from our generous local businesses, including two additional Youth categories. The 2023 event will also include several days on which children will be encouraged to paint and draw with the help of local artists.

### 4. Proposed residential developments

Paul reported on developments concerning Bonny View Drive. The site compatibility certification has been refused by the Regional DA Panel. A new DA has been submitted for a 3-lot subdivision.

He also noted other sites slated for development, including the Glen Eden Stage 2 development and community resistance to it.

Cate Faehrman MLC is facilitating formation of a broad group (Coast Residents United) to campaign against unsuitable development right along the NSW coast.

### 5. Celebrating 75 years of Bonny Hills

Ian Simpson reported the Music and Markets day at the Tavern has been cancelled due to lack of interest from stall-holders..

Tony Robinson, with Council support, has produced a walking trail flyer, Bonny Hills Coastal Walking Trail, including a map and points of interest.

Ross reported on Landcare's project to remove weeds and replant areas of Rainbow Beach Reserve that had been planted some years ago. Lomandra, Banksia and Casuarina spp will be planted.

Paul reported on the Family Fun Walk (Sunday 30 October) and related events, and Sue's efforts to widen awareness of the events.

Kathy reported on the historical photo display to be held on 29-30 October at the Surf Club. The Club has donated the space for the event. It has offered an opportunity to have an Opening event on the Saturday evening. BHPA will also sell books, T-shirts and Camden Haven Historical Society calendars. Publicity is planned. Volunteers will be needed.

Ian Richardson spoke briefly to his proposal for a driving tour of Bonny Hills. To be followed up.

## 6. Financial governance

Roger spoke to the document prepared to guided BHPA in this (attached). this. Moved Paul Polewski, Seconded Bill Howell that the financial governance guidelines be adopted.

*Carried.*

## 7. 976 Ocean Drive

Helen Smith spoke to Council's new advice about an amended DA. There is still no requirement for adequate height indicators and trees cannot be planted because the building is so close to the edge of the property.

Roger spoke to the difficulties of mounting a case against a development that fits within the guidelines. It fits within the height limits and building area limits.

Michael Toohey spoke to the importance of the village feel of Bonny Hills. The Reserve area is the centre of the village and this building does not fit. He queries the assessment process, adequacy of consideration of view-sharing, etc. He noted that a compliant development does not necessarily mean an approvable development.

Paul Thompson expressed his wish that BHPA do more to support residents opposed to the development..

Action: BHPA to write a submission based on feedback from residents.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Balances at 23 September 2022. **Note:** Amounts in ( ) are at 14 August 2022

❖ Community Support (general/administration):	\$1,897.67	(\$ 2,035)
❖ Community Strength (projects):	\$12,067	(\$12,067)
❖ External grants:	\$ 4,643	(\$ 4,643)
❖ Events	\$11,100	(\$ 6,250)
Total funds held	\$29,707	

Acceptance of Treasurers Report: Moved: Paul Polewski, Seconded: John Drinan. *Carried.*

## **Correspondence In: 18 August – 27 September**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Correspondents</b>	<b>Dates of correspondence</b>
CCAT	Alex Gray, PMHC.	18/8, 30/8, 31/8, 19/9, 20/9, 23/9.
Road safety grants	Alex Gray, PMHC.	19/8.
Draft North Coast Regional Plan	Kevin ?, Dept Planning and Environment; Craig Diss, same Dept.	28/8, 29/8, 31/8.

HMD-PH intersection	David Gillespie MP; Brad Crispin, Transport for NSW.	30/8, 24/8, 25/8, 30/8, 13/9, 14/9, 27/9.
Recreation Action Plan	Oceana Kovacs, PMHC.	2/9.
Bonny Hills Art Prize	Peta Pinson, PMHC.	4/9.
Christmas Carols grant support	Surf Club.	13/9.
Associations Incorporated Regulation 2022	NSW Fair Trading.	19/9.
Lake Cathie Ambulance Station	Leslie Williams MP.	23/9.
Sewage	Steve Bryson; Peta Pinson, PMHC.	20/9, 23/9, 25/9, 27/9.

## **General Business**

### 1. New members

Three new members were approved.

Steve and Melissa Galland

David and Paula Trotter

Diana and Wal Whiteley

### 2. Marquee

Ian Simpson reported that BHPA now has a marquee available for use by community organisations.

### 3. Annual subscriptions

John notified his intention to move an increase in the annual fee at the next meeting. Paul confirmed that BHPA operational costs exceed fee income.

### 4. Honeysuckle Road-Sharkies Beach path

BHPA will write to Council requesting attention to fixing the path. *Action: John and Tony*

### 5. Landscaping at Grants Head reservoir

More information to be sought.

### 6. Purchase of land for public use

Paul Thompson again expressed his view that BHPA could have done more to persuade Council to buy 976 Ocean Drive and the Goat Farm.

## **Reserve items**

*This section of the Minutes will maintain a list of items requiring monitoring though not currently on the live agenda.*

- Beach Street rezoning (*letter to Council 16/6/21*);
- Paragliders
- BHPA risk assessment
- Light Industrial Area
- Quarry (*CCAT needs to develop a Plan*)
- Australia Day Awards (*advise President of possible nominations*)
- Community Emergency Response
- Pathway along Ocean Drive

Meeting closed: 9.15 pm

**Next meeting:**

President

Roger Barlow

Secretary

John Drinan